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LETTER DATED 15 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter dated today, from H.E. Mr. Alija Izetbegovic, President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressed to Your Excellency.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter and its attachment, as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIC
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Annex

Letter dated 15 August 1995 from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

The authorities of the so-called Yugoslavia are massively settling Sandžak, Kosovo and Vojvodina, the areas where the non-Serb population live, with the Serb refugees from Croatia.

Last week Belgrade has officially announced through the Red Cross, that they are going to settle 1,500 refugees from Croatia into Novi Pazar, and 1,000 refugees into Sjenica.

The distribution for other places in Sandžak is just being expected.

It is an obvious intention of Belgrade to change the ethnic character of Sandžak in favour of the Serb population, by force.

Since it was proven that the Serbs from Croatia have also participated in genocide over Bosniacs in 1992/93, the situation has been practically created by this, that the executors and the victims find themselves in the same area. One could hardly imagine the more bizarre scenario.

On the other hand, the settling of the Sandžak villages has been intensified. By the methods of state terror, the Bosniacs have been forced in recent years to flee their centuries old homes, saving their bare lives.

I refer here to 51 such villages in the vicinity of Priboj and Pljevlja on the frontier with Bosnia and Herzegovina.

All these facts have been confirmed on the spot and are described in more details in a letter I have just received from the Muslim National Council of Sandžak.

On behalf of the state authorities of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, I most strongly protest because of the described acts, which, under the cover of humane care for the refugees are actually changing the existing demographic situation there and ethnically cleansing this traditionally Bosniac region.

Dear Sir, I ask you to undertake the steps required by the seriousness of the situation.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIC